

# The Interwar Period 1919-1939

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**WHII.11 The student will demonstrate knowledge of political, economic, social, and cultural developments during the Interwar Period by**

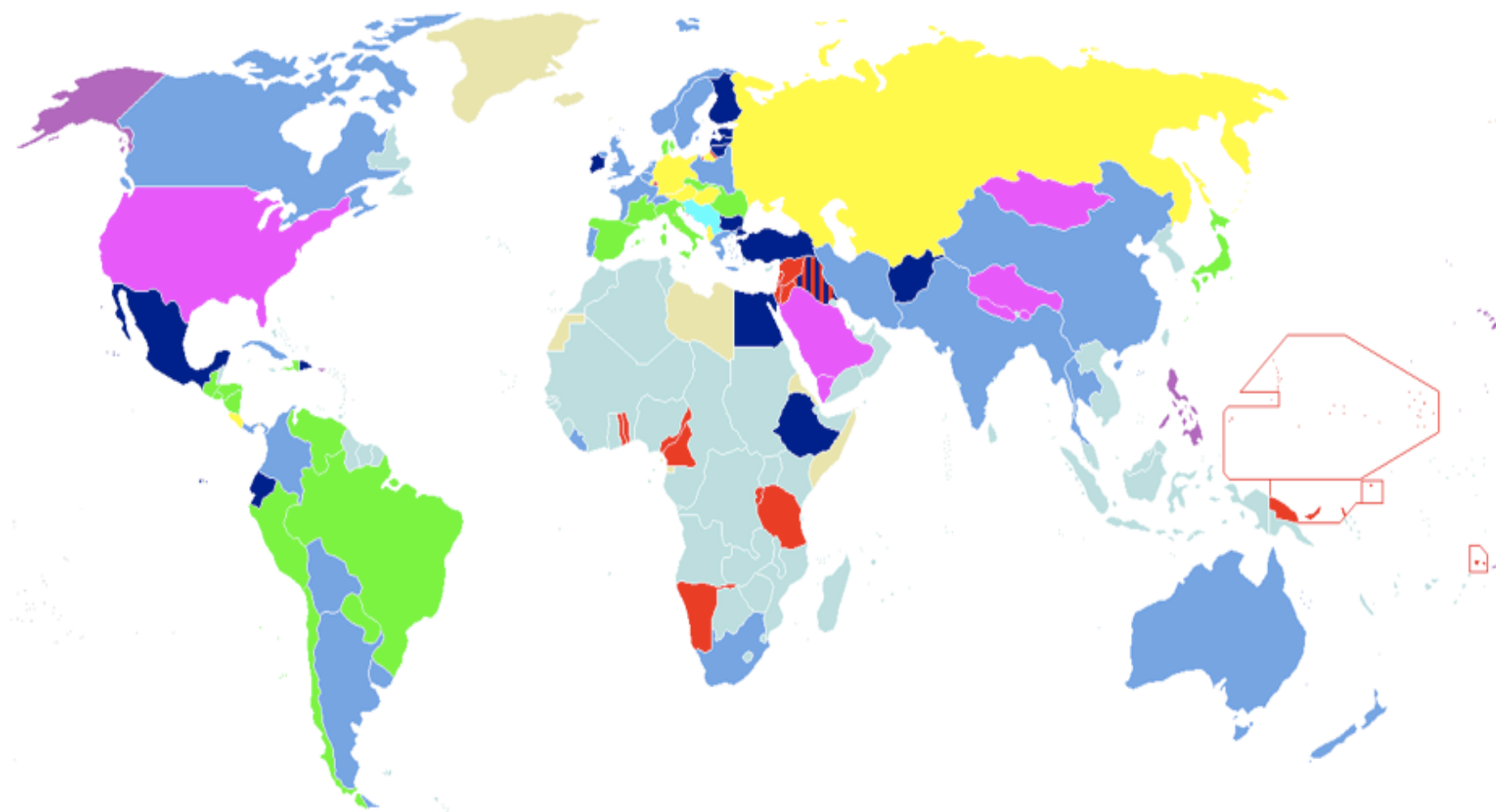
- a. describing the League of Nations and the mandate system;**
- b. citing causes and assessing the impact of worldwide depression in the 1920s;**
- c. Examining events related to the rise, aggression, and human costs of dictatorial regimes in the Soviet Union, Germany, Italy, and Japan, and identifying their major leaders, i.e., Joseph Stalin, Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, Emperor Hirihito, and Hideki Tojo.**

# The League of Nations

International cooperative organization born from President Wilson's Fourteen Points, which was the basis for the terms of the German surrender at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919.

What was the League's purpose?

- 1) to prevent future wars
- 2) to administer the colonies of the defeated countries through the **Mandate System**



- Founding member and member until the end
- Founding member that left and joined again
- Joined later and stayed in until the end
- Founding members that left
- Joined later and left later

- League of Nations mandate
- Non members
- Colonies of members
- Colonies of members that left
- Colonies/territories of non members



**League  
of  
Nations**

# The League of Nations

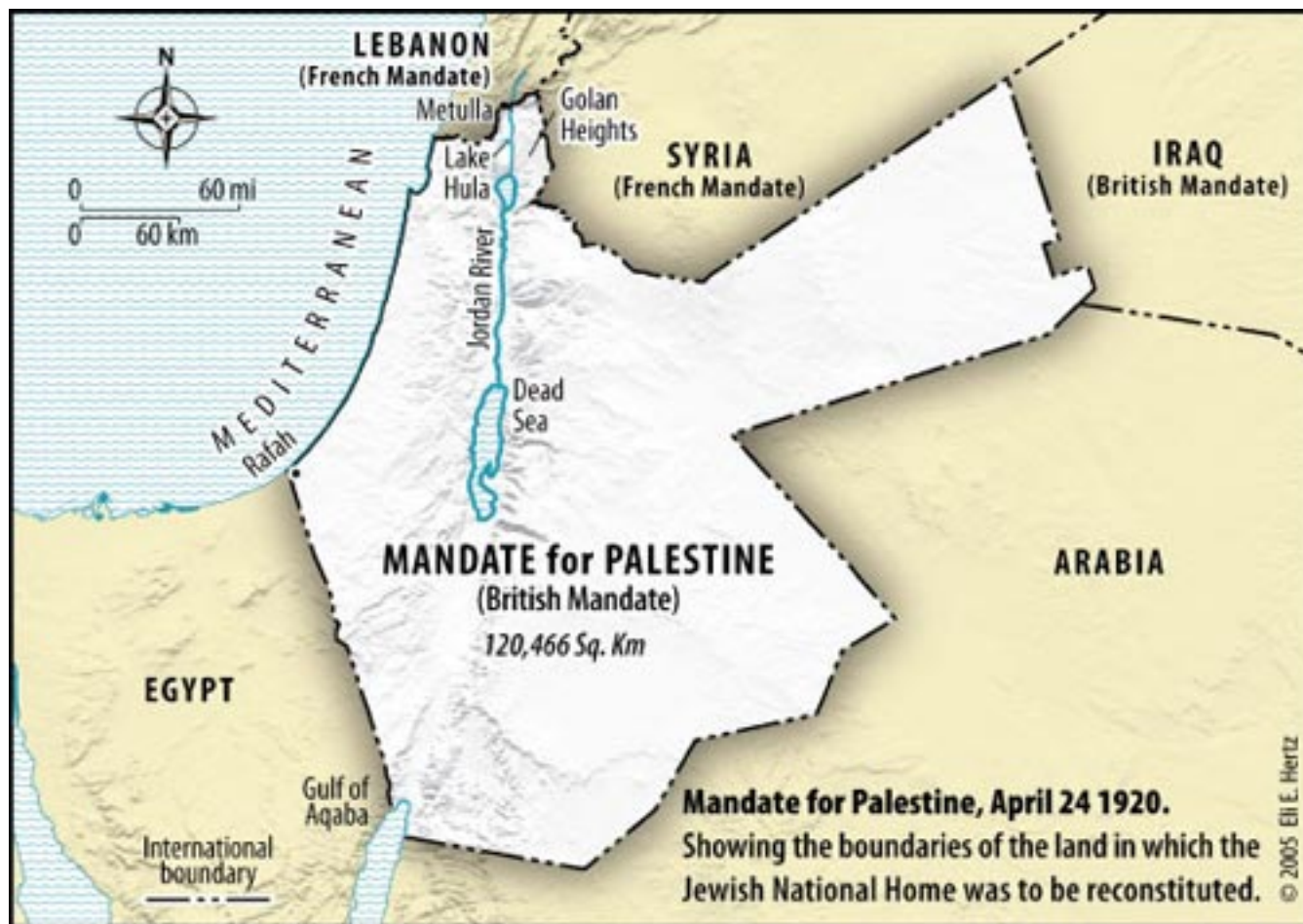
**\*\*What was the mandate system?**

The mandate system is an authorization granted by the League of Nations to a member nation to govern a former Ottoman Empire territory.

The territory was called a mandated territory, or **mandate.**

# The Mandate System

- Consisted of the **former Turkish provinces of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Palestine.**
- Iraq and Palestine (including modern Jordan and Israel) were assigned to **Great Britain**,
- Turkish-ruled Syria and Lebanon went to **France**
- Reached full **independence** by 1949.
- Would lead to *future conflicts in the MIDDLE EAST.*





Why did the League of  
Nations *FAIL*?



THE GAP IN THE BRIDGE.

# Why did the LEAGUE FAIL?

1)The U.S. was NOT a member and DID NOT sign  
*The Treaty of Versailles*

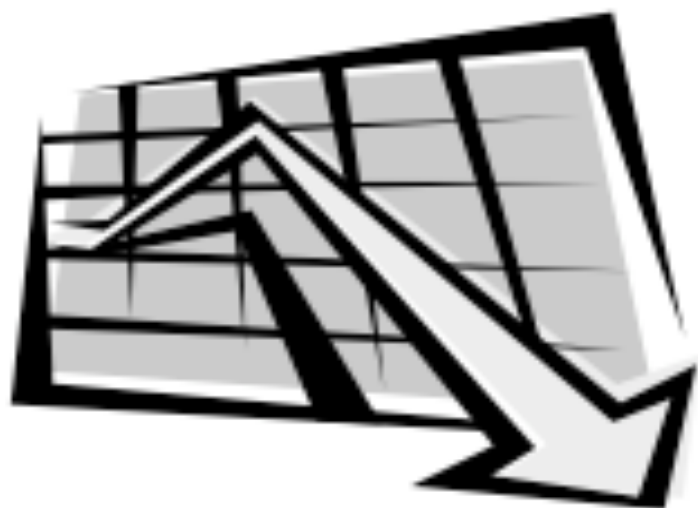
- political feuding between President Wilson and Senate Majority Leader Lodge

2)*League did not have the power to enforce its  
decisions* - - it only had moral force-no military

3) Major divisions existed among countries after World War I

**4)Deep isolationism existed after WWI among the democracies-especially in America**

**The Worldwide  
Depression was caused  
by a:**



**C.R.A.S.H.**

**C**

## **Credit Expands**

**People bought goods  
they couldn't afford on  
credit**

**Q: What will  
happen if  
people suddenly  
lose their jobs  
after paying for  
things with  
credit?**



**R**

## **Reparations**

**German industry gone  
after WWI**

**Q: Why would reparations  
destroy the German economy?**

**Q: Where will Europe need to  
buy products from if they can't  
buy from Germany?**

1923-issue 50 million mark banknote. Worth approximately \$1 US when printed, this sum would have been worth approximately \$12 million, nine years earlier. The note was practically worthless a few weeks later due to continued inflation.





**A**

**American industry too  
dominant**

**Europe too dependent on US**

**Q: What will  
happen to  
Europe if the  
American  
economy falls  
apart?**

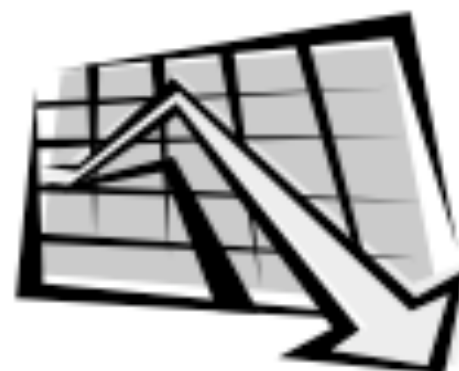


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**Stock Market Crash,**  
**1929**

**US Stocks CRASHED**  
**Businesses & banks close**

**Q: What will happen  
to Europe now that  
the US economy is  
collapsing? Why?**



**H**

**High Protective Tariffs**

**Tariff = Tax on imported goods**

**Hard for countries to trade  
with each other**

# IMPACT of DEPRESSION-

## **HBCGN**

- **H-HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT**
- **B-BANK FAILURES/COLLAPSE of CREDIT**
- **C-COLLAPSE of PRODUCTS in WORLD TRADE**
- **G-GROWTH of NAZI PARTY**
- **N-NAZI PARTY'S BLAME of JEWS for ECONOMIC COLLAPSE**